

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented, and then received Primacy in the Church from Jesus. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him. The Gospel tells the post-Resurrection story of our merciful Savior who goes in search of His band of disappointed and dejected disciples. John presents this as the third of Jesus' post-Resurrection apparitions. The incident proves that Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances were not mere hallucinations. In the first part of today's Gospel, the risen Jesus appears to His disciples and gives them a symbol of their mission in a miraculous catch of fish followed by a grilled fish breakfast prepared by Jesus. The second part is a dialogue between Jesus and Simon. Three times, Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Do you love Me?" and Peter responds that he does, as if in reparation for his triple denial of Jesus. The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are duties of the Church referring to her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen as a leader in a community of brothers and sisters for the quality of his love. As his primary mission, he is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that his fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom.

We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances and events: The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healing, and success in relationships. The Risen Lord is present in our pain and suffering. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs. The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture; He is there in the Sacraments and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Matthew 18: 20).

**God Bless You!**

**Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

**The 50 days of Easter** is a time to meditate on what it means to sing alleluia properly, to attune the voice of praise with the inner delight of the heart. Easter is an extended period in which we learn to become members of the Communion of Saints. Easter faith does not deny that people still die. Easter faith does not mean that all disappointment or destruction disappears. Easter faith is the recognition that disappointment, destruction and death do not have the last word. Only our risen Lord, who entered into the most hellish of all histories, does. **Love wins.** Indeed, that is cause to sing alleluia.

**+Today is a special day!** We will have 12 children receive their First Holy Communion: Pearl Chaplinski, Cade Kowalczyk, Colton Lang, Kena O'Malley, Cullen Noonan, Molly Siok, Gemma Syryczuk, Greenlee Webster, Gavyn Winger, Thomas Dachel, Brady Derfus and Andrea Friedman. We invite all children, youth and parents to find ways at home, in Church, outdoors, at play and at work to continue their relationship of love toward God and others.

**+ We thank Fr. Lourdu and all the CCD teachers** for their wonderful teaching of the children and young people this year.

**+ We are happy that all the teachers in Grades K - 5 are returning to teach.** We ask you to come forward quickly to fill the upper grade class positions. Except for Harry Kolasa, all our upper grade teachers are seeking other avenues of ministry. Pope Francis encourages youth ministers to help young people develop and deepen their understanding of the simple message that **"God loves you, Christ saves you; He is alive."** We have resources to help teach this powerful message of the Good News. The biggest resource is the teacher who is willing to share his/her life with young people. Come and talk to me or call me at (715) 290-0049. **Easter Blessings ~ Sr. Marianna**

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 735.00
Loose	103.25
Total	838.25
Total from April 29, 2018	1,465.00
Building Fund	125.00
Easter	25.00
Home Mission	60.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 320.00
Loose	146.00
Total	466.00
Total from April 29, 2018	713.00
Easter	5.00
Home Mission	55.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 649.00
Loose	123.05
Total	772.05
Total from April 29, 2018	683.00
Easter	80.00
Holy Land	40.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 440.00
Loose	38.00
Total	478.00
Total from April 29, 2018	498.00
Easter	100.00
Holy Land	35.00

*(Totals include only the basic collection)*

## Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, we have collected:

	Payments		
	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 6,790.00	\$ 4,603.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 3,498.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

**"You walk with us on our life's journey..."** To those of you who contributed to this year's **Rice Bowl** drive, our cluster collected over **\$3,500**. Your generosity is a testament of your faith to live and serve our human family.



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